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AH begins office expansion

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Woodbridge's Maram Building Corp. will construct the addition to the Algonquin Highlands township office along North Shore Road.

Councillors awarded the contract for a 124-square-metre addition and renovations to the company during their April 7 meeting.

"They not only were the lowest bid, but they had the quickest finish time," chief administrative officer Angie Bird told councillors.

There were six bids on the job, ranging from Maram's \$569,000 plus taxes to the highest bid of nearly \$730,000 plus taxes.

With unrecoverable HST, the project – which includes more workspace for staff as well as accessible washrooms and front entranceway – will cost the township \$580,000.

Council included \$512,000 for the project in the 2016 budget and while the bid is nearly \$70,000 over that budgeted amount, Bird said some savings could be realized in other areas.

The township also has more than \$32,000 in accessibility funding for the project.

Construction is to begin shortly, the company's target completion date Aug. 31.

Algonquin Highlands council meetings for June, July and August will take place at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall as council chambers will be used as a workspace for displaced staff during construction.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen asked if landscaping was included in the bid price.

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Minden's Owen Smith, who has played for the Central Ontario Wolves the past four years, was drafted by the OHL's Flint Firebirds in the 13th round, 244th overall. The Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student started playing hockey at three in Timbits hockey and is appreciative to his parents and the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association where he played for seven years. Photo courtesy of Angelo Nicolaides

Minden's Owen Smith drafted to OHL

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Minden's Owen Smith isn't getting ahead of himself just yet, even after learning he was chosen by the Flint Firebirds with their 13th pick, 244th overall in the Ontario Hockey League's priority selection this past Saturday.

The Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student is very happy

about his selection, but knows more work is required so he can be at his best when he competes for a roster spot with the Firebirds during tryouts at the team's training camp in June.

For now he welcomes the challenge and the opportunity to further his hockey career with Flint.

"I was very honoured and excited to have the opportunity," he said. "This opens a lot of doors on my career."

Unlike the other OHL teams with storied histories, such as the Oshawa Generals and the Peterborough Petes, the Firebirds are just entering their second year of operation.

Smith appreciates the opportunity to be part of making history with the fledgling club.

The first time the 15-year-old thought of making the OHL was when he was 12 and during the past couple of years has realized

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Committee reaches goal

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Like many fundraisers and causes in the Highlands, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee's FUNdraiser to support a refugee family's settlement in Haliburton County was backed by the strength of the community.

More than \$8,000 was raised at the Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon this past Sunday despite an evening of snow and un-spring-like conditions.

HRSC fundraising committee chairperson Chris Lynd said this total spoke volumes about the Highlands.

"What a generous community we have," she said. "How wonderful that \$8,000 can go towards supporting a family here. Just marvelous to see the enthusiasm of the folks there. It was a really fun event."

The contributions for the event weren't just from the sell-out crowd of a 100 people who attended, she said.

The Rhubarb servers, she said, donated their time; musician Chris Smith donated his time and travel; owners and operators Chris Carl and Terri Mathews-Carl donated the venue, cooked and helped with planning. Besides the donations for the auction at the event there was local food also donated by residents and businesses.

Rhubarb co-owner Matthews wrote in an email that, "It was a great night with live music from Chris Smith who had the crowd dancing, great silent auction items, emcee Brigitte Gall, beer donated by us and Haliburton Highlands Brewing, wine donated by Profile Wine Group/Alan Leal, staff donated time and was great fun."

Rhubarb will host another fundraising event on April 24 for the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, which will include an auction.

The idea for this event came from the HRSC's fundraising subcommittee, when the Rhubarb co-owners offered to host the event.

Lynd said the committee has now raised close to \$54,000 and met the recommended \$50,000 to \$60,000 goal that will enable them to support a family of six for a year.

"It's always about if they need it," she said. "It's not about what we think they need."

Lynd added the committee is prepared to help where they can, as there have been people with varied skills who are prepared to help where needed when they come, whether it's with learning the language, medical assistance or transport.

The committee acknowledges its work may not be over after the initial year.

"It's a year commitment and beyond that as well," she said.

Although the committee will not plan other fundraising events now that it has met its recommended total, it will happily accept donations and welcomes help from the Shout Sisters, who have chosen the committee as one of their recipients for proceeds from their upcoming spring concert in June.

The HRSC was formed last fall and is working with AURA (Anglican United Refugee Alliance).

"We had hoped when we started this process in the fall that



It was a packed house at Rhubarb for the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee's FUNdraiser April 10. /Submitted

“We had hoped when we started this process in the fall that we would have a family by now.”

— HRSC FUNDRAISING CHAIR CHRIS LYND

we would have a family by now. We thought by the spring we would have a family," she said.

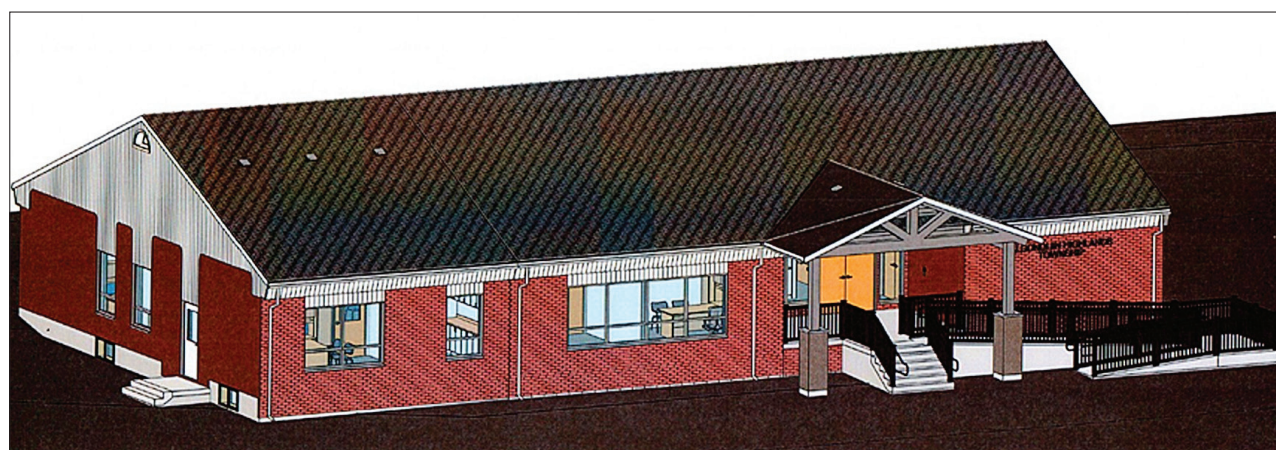
Lynd is hopeful a family will be coming after recent news announced by Immigration Minister John McCallum that another 10,000 refugees will be taken by Canada.

She recently received a letter from AURA about the delay. "There's nothing we can do, every organization that's bringing people privately is in waiting mode and so a great deal of patience needs to be [exercised]," she said.

Part of the committee's work is setting an example for the next generation, Lynd said.

"People said to me, 'We really need to do this in the community,'" she said. "It's important that our children understand the cultural diversity in the world and so by bringing a family, one family, and maybe another family down the road [it shows we care], and who knows where that goes."

Construction to begin shortly



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Bird said paving was in the contract, but not landscaping.

"I think that's something we're going to have to look at after," she said, adding there may also be changes to the parking lot configuration at the office following construction.

A rendering of what the Algonquin Highlands office on North Shore Road will look like when an addition and renovations to the building are completed. The \$580,000 project is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

New sections in county's official plan

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

There are a number of new sections in Haliburton County's updated official plan, many of them a direct result of changes in provincial policy.

Official plans are the documents that guide planning and development within municipalities. They must be updated every five years and county planner Charley White has been doing presentations on the updated official plan for Haliburton County for its lower-tier councils.

The draft plan will then go to the county's planning committee and ultimately to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

The updated plan removes "lakefront communities" and "dispersed development" sections, now capturing that type of development under the "rural lands" section.

"Rural lands is now also a separate, land-designation area," White told Algonquin Highlands councillors during an April 7 meeting.

The rural lands section deals with employment areas, resources, agriculture, aggregates, minerals, tourism and resource-based recreational uses.

Choosing employment areas – sites for future business parks, etc. – will be a responsibility assigned to each of the lower-tier councils.

"Through some back and forth with the planning committee, it was decided this was more of a lower-tier responsibility," White said. "I'm not sure how that's going to be received, so we'll see."

A new section is a housing section, which deals with intensification targets, redevelopment policies, etc.

Under the updated plan, second dwelling units are not permitted in waterfront areas.

"We have a number of other areas where we feel it's more appropriate to have those uses," White said.

The plan also deals with the notion of "community hubs," a concept being promoted by the province whereby under-utilized public spaces such as schools are used for additional purposes, such as facilitating daycare or hosting blood donor clinics.

"Community hubs comes from a new provincial initiative... so we've taken some ideas from there," White said.

Other sections, such as cultural heritage and archeology, waste management, transportation and economic development have been upgraded, grouping policies by topic.

"So it's like a one-stop-shop for policy," White said.

While there are no lands assigned specifically for agricultural or specialty crop use, "agriculture is probably more defined," said White, explaining the updated plan includes language that is supportive of agriculture. "That doesn't mean we don't have farms."

White said some 350 properties in the county are identified as farms and stressed that consultation with local food producers had taken place during the updating of the plan.

"A lot of the things in the county's OP will feed into ours as we go through the process," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.


Each of the county's lower-tier townships must also complete a review of their own official plans.

The official plan update can be viewed on the Haliburton County website and feedback can be sent to cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Under new provincial legislation, official plan reviews will begin taking place every 10 years, rather than every five.

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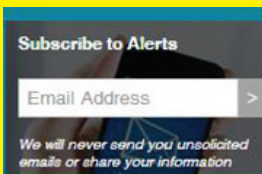
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Apr 28
9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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HERE
by Chris Hanson and Henrika Sonnenberg
March 31—April 30

In October of 2014, Chris and Hendrika moved from an apartment and a rented studio in Brooklyn, New York to an old farmhouse on an acre of property in Minden, Ontario. Over the last year they have worked on building a new studio/project space on the property which presently is nearing completion. This exhibition involves constructed landscape sets based on the everyday environment they now inhabit and are juxtaposing with selected sculptural objects. Using photography and collage they created a body of work that explores the relationship between their past practice and where they find themselves now. In a sense, what "here" means for them.

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- File No. SRA-15-08:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake & Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 & 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9832, registered March 18, 2016.
- File No. SRA-15-09:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9832, registered March 18, 2016.
- File No. PLSRA2015028:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9819, registered February 22, 2016.
- File No. PLSRA2015043:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 26 & 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9810, registered February 2, 2016.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, April 14, 2016** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, April 28, 2016**.

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Water levels remain high in county

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Water levels remained high throughout the Gull River watershed this week, the area still under a flooding warning from the MNR at press time.

That flood warning was issued on March 31, with the area receiving some 40 millimetres of rain in a 14-hour period.

It has remained in effect since.

The level of the Gull River in downtown Minden remained high last week and rose early this week, as outflows from the reservoir and flow-through lakes north of the village were increased by Parks Canada.

Parks Canada is the agency in control of the Trent Severn Waterway.

Water from some 26 reservoir and flow-through lakes must make its way through downtown Minden via the Gull River before passing into Gull Lake.

A number of streets in Minden, including Anson, Orde, McKnight, St. Germaine and Invergordon Avenue, were closed to all but local traffic due to flooding.

Outside the village, Spring Valley and Milburn roads were closed except to local traffic.

Updated information on flooding and road closures can be found on the Minden Hills township website at www.minden hills.ca.



Above, water pours from the Horseshoe Lake dam into the Gull River on the afternoon of April 8.

Left and far left, water gushes through the Hawk Lake log chute on the afternoon of April 8.

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Food truckin' at Stanhope Airport

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Things could get tasty in Algonquin Highlands this summer, as it seems a food truck is ready to roll into the Stanhope Airport.

"Talks are ongoing and looking very promising," airport manager Cam Loucks told Algonquin Highlands councillors at an April 7 meeting.

While there is a cook shack located at the facility, it would require significant work that could be costly to bring the building's propane griddle up to a working standard.

The township has been looking at other options for the provision of food at the airport.

While Loucks did not reveal the identity of the food truck operator, he told councillors the operator is experienced and offers a quality menu with variety.

If the arrangement proceeds, Loucks said a food truck would be located at the airport Thursdays through Mondays

this summer, beginning the week before the May long weekend.

"I think it's important for us to get a gauge, this is a really bad phrase, on whether food is going to fly there," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "If there's a demand, then that helps us decide what to do there."

The airport, located close Highway 118, is frequented by pilots and their families and with staff moving into the new MNRF base at the airport this week, some 60 provincial employees will be located close by.

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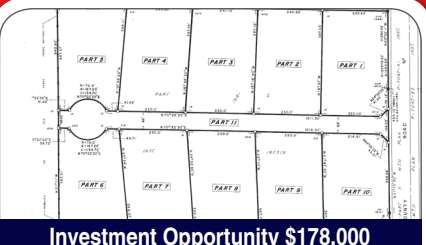
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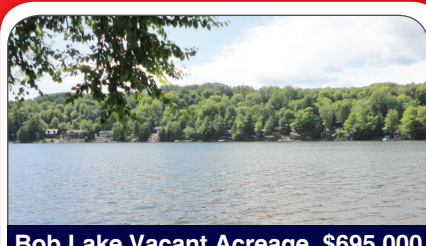
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Agricultural awakening

THERE'S A JOKE about Haliburton County and farming, the punch line being that the poor settlers who came to the area in the 19th century with visions of bountiful crop yields found the only thing they could harvest from the hills of Haliburton were rocks.

While it may be true the area doesn't exactly lend itself to the fertile fields suitable for large-scale production that can be found not far to the south, the county's not adverse to agriculture.

In fact, a recently completed community food assessment report suggests that agriculture is the fastest-growing sector in the Highlands.

The assessment was completed by consultants hired by a partnership of local organizations that, moving forward, will work under the banner of Harvest Haliburton.

It shows a growing number of food producers in the community, some reclaiming family farms, others drawn in by the county's relatively cheap agricultural land.

There seems to be a movement in the West that's been blooming for the past few years, a trend moving away from mass-produced, artificial-flavour-laden, genetically modified foods, towards those that are grown and produced on a small scale, in areas close to consumers.

People want to know where their food is coming from and what's in it. And that makes a whole lot of sense.

Locally, the number of community gardens has grown from two to 12 and the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, established in 2009, has grown to include three

popular summer market locations in Carnarvon, Haliburton and Minden.

As Harvest Haliburton is quick to point out, not only are there health benefits to consuming produce that has not travelled thousands of kilometres to one's plate, there is local economic benefit as well.

According to the food assessment report, for every dollar spent on locally produced food at a farmers' market, 73 cents stays in the community versus the 43 cents that stays in the community from food purchased at a chain.

There seem to be new growers and vendors all the time, joining the garlic growers and maple syrup producers who have been selling their locally created products for years.

While the county may not be ideal for cornfields, its topography is suitable for other things - keeping goats and sheep, for example.

An OMAFRA rep at a recent forum by the Haliburton County Farmers' Association explained how small ruminants - goats and sheep - are one of the most affordable ways to get into farming, and how supply in the country cannot keep pace with demand.

Canadian farmers supply only 42 per cent of the goat and sheep market in Canada.

With local restaurants becoming cognizant of the appetite for local food and with culinary attractions part of Haliburton County's three-pillar tourism strategy, it seems the local food system in the community will only continue to grow.

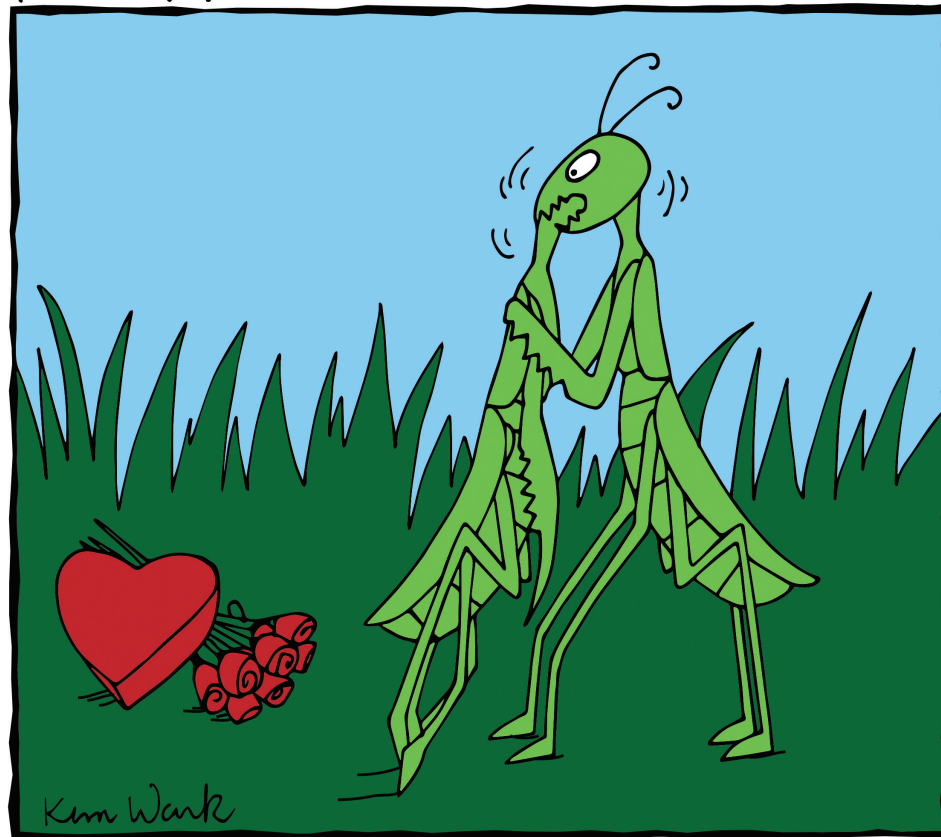
Now if I can just convince my better half to let me get some goats

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CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

KWARKY



"IT'S NOT YOU; IT'S ME."

The view from down here

THIS MORNING I READ an odd headline that announced Lucky Dog Survives 300-foot Fall After Leaping Off Cliff.

I'm going to play the devil's advocate here and suggest the dog is, in fact, not exactly over-endowed with luck. Or caution. Or even sound judgment.

My definition of luck is slightly different. The way I see it, there are many things that would have happened if the dog was lucky. Tumbling 300-feet and acquiring all sorts of injuries along the way isn't one of them, however.

Let's examine some other much luckier possibilities.

A lucky dog might have tripped and skidded to a halt at the cliff's edge.

Or, having missed that golden opportunity, it might have gone over the edge only to land dead centre on a trampoline being carried by a passing flatbed truck. Then, if luck prevailed, it would have been harmlessly bounced back into the air only to descend upon the parking lot where a down pillow manufacturer was - for the first time ever - creating a pyramid of pillows for television commercial. Needless to say, a lucky dog would have landed on them, made the commercial a cult classic and received residual payments for the rest of his days.

Alternately, a really lucky dog might have leapt off that cliff, landed on the back of a passing golden eagle, which it might have piloted safely to the ground beside a casino. Then, if its luck was really holding out, it would have found one token for a slot machine, went inside, played the machine and hit a record-breaking jackpot.

On the way out the door with its new-

found riches, that dog would have then met the female dog of his dreams, who would have fallen in love with him for who he was, rather than his money. Then, they would have lived happily ever after in a dog mansion raising a family of well-behaved puppies who would have all been cute enough to star in their own Disney movies.

I would have also gladly labeled that dog as lucky, if he were playing Monopoly and then had a streak of good fortune. I'm talking about a streak where he first landed

on Go with doubles, collected \$200, then rolled doubles again and landed on Chance and got the "Advance directly to GO" card, collected another \$200, then rolled doubles again, landed on Community Chest and won \$10 for coming second prize in a beauty contest, and rolled once more and landed on Chance and picked up the "Advance to Boardwalk" card and bought that property to

complete his set. You've got to admit, that would be very lucky for anyone, let alone a dog.

The point I'm trying to make is falling off a cliff isn't lucky. Sure, surviving a horrible fall is fortunate provided the injuries and trauma don't haunt that poor dog the rest of its life. But saying this makes a dog lucky is like saying a man who stepped into the path of a Mac truck and lived is lucky. It's more against freakishly unlikely than lucky.

Of course, to be completely lucky, that dog would have been adopted by an owner who was smart enough to know he shouldn't play with his dog at the top of a high cliff.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Annoying white noise

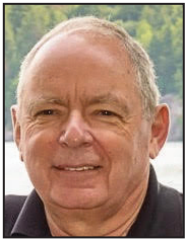
IT HAS COME TO THIS: If you sat in front of your television set for 10 straight hours (God forbid!) you would be bombarded with roughly three hours of commercials.

In the earlier days of television, commercials offered time to grab a cold one from the fridge. These days, commercial breaks are so long that you have time to go to the beer store. If they get much longer, you'll have time to brew your own.

In 1960 a typical hour-long show provided 51 minutes of entertainment. Nine minutes out of the hour were set aside for advertisement. Today an average hour of television provides 42 minutes of entertainment and 18 minutes of commercials.

On some channels, notably the so-called super channels such as AMC and Peach, a movie that runs 1:40 to 1:45 lasts three hours because of the commercials. That's a mind-numbing lot of commercial viewing for anyone tuning into the trillionth broadcast of *The Bourne Identity*.

To people with calm personalities, TV commercials have become white noise to which they give scant attention. It's simply there in the background. For the A personalities among us, TV commercials are an enemy that must be eliminated by any means.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

The battles against TV ads began with the remote control. When a commercial intruded, we changed channels to watch something else. That battle was lost when some evil ad executive figured out how to have commercials running on your favourite channels at the same time. Flip to another channel to escape a commercial interruption and you run smack into another.

Then came the PVR. Record your favourite program then fast forward through the ads. That was a partial solution to avoid commercial annoyance. However, you had to be quick and nimble with the remote to escape the

full messages.

Streaming services such as Netflix are the latest escape from TV ads. So far Netflix is commercial free and available at a reasonable price.

There is no complete escape from TV advertising, however. Many people still want to watch news programs – local and from afar – which are increasingly cluttered with commercials.

ABC World News Tonight is one of the better news operations but its 30-minute broadcast drowns in commercials soon after the 15-minute mark. Then viewers are bombarded with drug company pitches for everything from erectile dysfunction to anticoagulants and adult diapers.

Especially repulsive are TV commercials paid with our tax dollars. You know, the one about “if you've got pink eye,” or the bridge that magically lengthens to save the life of a guy because the Ontario government now has a pension scheme. Then there's the Ontario Power Generation agency ad informing us that Ontario stopped using coal for power generation a couple of years ago.

Gee, it's good to get that kind of information and to know that you are paying for it. For my part, I'd rather have those tax dollars back to help pay my Hydro One bill, which is becoming my largest living expense.

Low-intelligence commercials and fourth-rate programing are driving more viewers away from broadcast and cable TV in favour of streaming services and it's hurting the TV industry. A study prepared for the Canadian Radio and Television Commission earlier this year predicted that without more revenue, nearly one-half of Canada's local TV stations will go off the air in the next four years.

Rogers Media announced earlier this year plans to lay off 200 people. Last year it cut 110 jobs from its Omni television stations. Both Shaw and Bell television operations also have cut jobs.

Obviously advertising is necessary in our capitalistic system. Ads pay for the programs and staff to produce them. But must it be so intrusive, so annoying and so omnipresent?

Viewers want fewer commercials and less jamming of shorter ads into commercial slots. They are fed up with ad formats that have seen little innovation in 60 years.

TV networks are starting to get the message. They need to do much work, however, on producing fewer commercials that are less annoying, more intelligent, and which provide viewers really useful information.

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letters to the editor

April Fool's Day wasn't that funny

To the Editor,

We woke up at 5:30 a.m. Friday morning when the Hydro went off. We got up to hook up the sump pump to the generator and our property flooded.

We had time to move our two cars to higher ground on the road but our little RV exhaust was under water and wouldn't run. So there she sat as the swelling river water surrounded her.

Our crawl space soon filled with water. That's where our sump pump, freezer, water pump with a filtration system, water heater and furnace are located.

Our road, Hobbits Lane, was also submerged in water which was too deep for our cars to get out without CAA help.

We called Hydro and within a short period of time we had electricity again.

After a few disappointing phone calls to the municipality office to get sandbags delivered and some help with how to handle the situation they suggested that we find a contractor. We found one that would help us late in the day.

The contractor's team was great and got sandbags and a pump set up to try to save our crawl space. They left and it looked like we were winning the battle. Then more water was released it was too much. It was flowing past the sandbags

faster than we could pump it out. Later that night we gave in and we'll have to wait until the river recedes.

Luckily the water never entered the main floor of our home. So here we sit with cabin fever and enough food and water to last us a couple of days.

We have only been in our house since October 2015, and we've learned two things:

1) You can always count on your neighbors and

2) Always be like a boy scout – be prepared for anything and everything.

We learned the second one the hard way.

Elaine Milne



Subdivision means loss of lakefront

To the Editor,

I was deeply saddened to read about the Bark Lake subdivision. Turning it into 83 single cottage private lots means a 650 acre forested property is being closed to the public. This of course is the private owners' right but much of what once was, is being lost.

Many years ago high school students went for leadership opportunities in a beautiful forested location. Some of my relatives enjoyed that experience! Personally, I enjoyed learning to paint with watercolours with artists Gary Chapman, Jack Reid, and Brenda Milner. Staying in the Oak Centre for a week with fellow learners, eating in the large dining room facility gave an opportunity to bond with like minded folks sharing art tips. Who could forget the rousing guitar playing, Elvis song singing, Gary Chapman while enjoying a fireside evening in the Oak Centre? My memories go to the spring March of Dimes Wellness Retreat a couple of years ago where I was inspired by the many activities of stroke and post polio survivors who were hoisted up to climb the poles and walk the high ropes, and canoe Bark Lake, proving there is life after these afflictions. Recently, in March, I attended a Winter Wellness Retreat with M.O.D.C. with stroke survivors and their caregivers. We snow-

shoed, cross country skied, did urban pole walking, drum circles, crafts, caregiver sessions and more seeing the survivors try it all to improve their abilities. They were all ready to come back in the spring! The Oak Lodge is handicapped accessible, in the rooms, halls, doorways, making for a great experience for all. What a shame that we are losing such an awesome facility! The young staff was amazing, helping with the equipment. Did the ski boots fit! What size skis did you need? It was all there. One evening we went out to view the constellations in the dark sky, and listen for the wolves howling. This was a treat for those from the cities. Now these young folk are jobless. They loved working with the foreign students who came to enjoy a Canadian wilderness experience in the Columbia International College, a private junior and senior boarding school. Now that too is lost.

With the approval of the protection of the turtles that nest in the area (we saw many large turtles crossing the road by the dining area) it appears that this will be a “done deal” and we will all be the losers with the privatization of another lake front property where once we could all find enjoyment.

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Centre will continue to operate

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the article published on March 31 about the county council meeting regarding The Bark Lake Leadership Centre. As the program director and 12 year resident of Haliburton County, I would like to offer some clarification on the plans for the Leadership Centre.

The report in the council meeting about the proposed Bark Lake subdivision development describes only one of the potential outcomes. The owner, Columbia International College is committed to the youth leadership and personal development training that has been at the core of Bark Lake's successful history, and, is exploring means by which these programs can be offered within a financially sustainable business model.

This includes investing in infrastructure, developing corporate facilitation programs, holding special events and hosting private functions such as weddings.

Bark Lake Leadership Centre places high value on being part of the Haliburton County community and recognizes the positive impact of its programs on residents, visitors and broader social development.

The Leadership Centre will continue its operations year round. If you require further information, please contact Pat Hurley, general manager, at PHurley@cic-TotalCare.com.

Maria Paterson
Program Director
Bark Lake Leadership Centre

Personal reflections on the Gull River

To the Editor,

I first came to the Gull as a kid in the late '70s, to cottage and camp on the lakes and rivers in and around Haliburton County. In 1995, I stumbled into the sport of whitewater kayaking and began making weekly pilgrimages to the Gull in season to paddle and camp beside the river. In 2002, I moved my life to the Minden area and became a daily user of the Gull whitewater and a frequent user of the many other lakes and rivers of the region.

As a river enthusiast since childhood I've learned a great many things about moving water and its habits, both good and bad. I've also learned that wherever dams and water control systems exist in Canada the operators of these systems are legally bound to file regular Water Management Plans. There is one exception, the managers at TSW / Parks Canada are not held to this standard, they do not file a water management plan pertaining to the systems they manage. The purpose of these plans is to mitigate damages and ensure positive outcomes for the stakeholders within the system. For me this brings up an incredibly critical question. If there is no plan, no standard to meet then there is no mitigation of damages and no measurement of outcomes for stakeholders that holds any consistent meaning. Or put more simply, no way to know if something went wrong.

When my story with the Gull began, the manager who made the critical decisions regarding flow and storage levels, winter settings, etc, had been in the job a good long time. He also lived in the area on one of the watersheds he "managed". At that same time data which had been collected for nearing 100 years was the foundation of the decision making process. This data was the result of men reporting manually the gauge height of stick type gauges located in strategic locations throughout the entire system. Adjustments on dams were seen often multiple times per week. Winter adjustments were made

when conditions demanded. In the early 2000 period all these things changed. A new younger person took over the top spot, living 100ish kilometres away near Peterborough. Some 150-plus employees were cut from the Parks Canada staff. Adjustments to dams became less frequent, often sitting at the same setting for months at a time. Winter and off season adjustments are now unheard of. Gauges that once were read in person by experienced employees no longer were used or used much less in collecting water data and new gauges placed in different locations became the sources. In effect these new locations meant that much of the base data built over 100 years was no longer useful. Correlations to readings from new locations to the old take time to connect and make sense of. Quirks and anomalies in gauge readings take years to present themselves in some cases. A great example is the Horseshoe Lake dam where it was discovered that identical settings on the south gate or north gate resulted in a different reading on the electronic gauge. Put another way the exact same volume of water in one gate gave a very different reading than if that same volume flowed through the other gate. The offset flow in effect created a tilt on the eddy pool dependent on where the flow was concentrated. These sorts of reading changes must be occurring all over the system where gauges have been "updated" and relocated. Further budget cuts throughout the Harper era to the Parks Canada funding must have also reduced resources at the disposal of the newly reduced workforce. Think about all that, a substantial reduction in hands on experience at the top, combined with massive staff cuts and budget cuts, the technological shift of data collecting and the loss of reliability that the change imposed all happening in an environment we all now believe is also in great change. And one more big important item, there is no plan, no imposed management strategy as is the norm in virtually all other watersheds in Canada.

What could go wrong? I think that question kind of has answered

itself. If you live near the Gull and you are a water watcher of any sort you must agree that the last eight or so years have been quite remarkably more volatile than the years before. Sure it's a "wild" river, sure it has a lot of pressure on it. That's the reason a plan is so imperative. Go to Parks Canada's website and look up the descriptions they themselves provide for the various waters in their management. Read where they tell you how efficient the Gull is at shedding its water while the nearby Burnt is sluggish. Think back to the "flood" and how the Burnt coped quite well. Think about how the smaller non-managed creeks and lakes such as South Lake had no real issues.

I'm not saying Parks Canada is out to get you. They are just doing what they do under trying circumstances. I'm pointing out what I know to be facts and suggesting that many of them are incontrovertibly contributing to these negative water situations regularly. You want stability, better real estate values, higher confidence in overall water conditions both for safety and pleasure. You need a Water Management Plan like every other "managed" watershed in the country. If you had that plan, these other issues such as staff cuts and budget cuts, changes to data collecting to name a couple, would have been much more difficult to impose. They would have possibly happened still, however the implementation would have had to fit the "plan".

If Minden is flooded again this season as looks very possible if not likely, the province will foot the bill again as a result of a federal shortcoming. The citizens will be displaced and put at risk yet again. The stability of the local economy once again hit hard. Real estate values will be knocked back in the worst hit areas and Parks Canada will carry on doing exactly as always. Because there is no standard, no plan!

Gary George



Wild about wildlife

Songstress and HHSS student Cassidy Glecoff entertains a packed house at the Minden Legion on April 9 during the Go Wild 4 Wildlife fundraiser for the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. Hosted and headlined by Carl Dixon, the evening also included performances from Trina West and the Raven Mad Crow Society. More than \$4,000 was raised for the sanctuary, which provides care and rehabilitation for sick and injured animals. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Light it up

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden didn't show any discomfort wearing his blue wig around school on Wednesday, April 6, as part of an incentive towards the school's record \$1,651 total fundraised for the Autism Speaks Light It Up Blue campaign. This effort helps to not only raise needed funds locally, but also raises awareness of autism. /DARREN LUM Staff



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A sign of spring

Above, Jessie Pflug on flute practises The Godfather theme song along with her fellow musicians in the Highlands Wind Symphony for the upcoming spring concert An Afternoon At The Movies which will take place Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The symphony will be joined by special guests the Highlands Swing Band and Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$25 for families and are available for purchase at Pharmasave in Minden or Master's Books Store in Haliburton. Call Andy Salvatori for more information 705-457-2100.

Above right, Rawn Moore of Minden practises with fellow musicians in the Highlands Wind Symphony for the upcoming spring concert An Afternoon At The Movies which will take place Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

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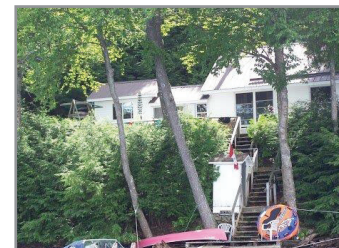
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Honouring volunteers in the Haliburton Highlands

The week of April 10 is Volunteer Week in Canada. If you live in Haliburton County, you'll know how key volunteers are in making this community a special place to live.

We asked a few local organizations to reflect on what volunteers mean to them. Here are their responses.

Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic

Twenty-two dentists, 21 dental hygienists, 10 dental assistants, five dental receptionists, nine board members all volunteer or have volunteered; clinic opened 2011, became a charity 2012.

Since its founding, VDO has helped 604 patients who would otherwise not be able to receive dental treatment in more than 4,400 appointments.

The role volunteers play

Lisa Kerr: There would be no Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County without volunteer dental professionals. We are able to provide free dental care only because of the generosity of these individuals who are donating their time and skills for our neighbours here in Haliburton County. The volunteers who help in our fundraising events, i.e. at our annual golf tournament, and especially our board of directors are also essential to raise the funds needed to pay the overhead costs of running the clinic.

How they are celebrated

LK: Our volunteers find it very satisfying when they are able to help patients who are in obvious severe need. The patients express their appreciation in many ways including tears of gratitude, thank you notes and smiles. We share stories with our volunteers to continue to encourage them. Stories from patients who tell us how their dental treatment at VDO has improved their lives. People are reporting improved self esteem, successes in the job market, are eating and sleeping bet-

ter and much healthier after dental treatment. As a board we are preparing certificates of appreciation for our volunteers to proudly display in their private offices and places of employment. These will be distributed within the next month.

Abbey Gardens

Forty volunteers; established in 2010

The role volunteers play

Cara Steele: Our volunteers play many key roles. They help out at the farmers' market (set up, tear down, customer service), with our ponies (training sessions), on volunteer committees, in our garden (harvesting, planting, mulching, weeding etc.), in our Food Hub, and with our children's programs.

Volunteers bring life to our organization. They're enthusiastic, creative, hard-working and have skills sets that complement our staff team. They also help to spread awareness and enthusiasm about our organization. Without our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to offer as many programs and services to the community as we do now. We're very fortunate to have them!

How they are celebrated

CS: At the end of every season, we host a luncheon for our volunteers to celebrate their hard work over the season. We cook a homemade meal, distribute thank-you cards and provide a small gift. Examples of gifts in the past have been AG hats, buffs and T-shirts, homemade preserves and gift certificates. For every volunteer hour, we distribute coupons to be used at the Food Hub as well.

Haliburton County Folk Society

Fifteen volunteers; established in 1996

The role volunteers play

Barrie Martin: We have a core of very com-

mitted volunteers who assume many roles and tasks including members of our management committee; promoting and organizing six major concerts, six house concerts, 12 open stages and Winter Folk Camp; lending and setting up sound equipment and serving as sound technicians; selling CD of local musicians; and working in partnership with a variety of community groups and businesses including Rotary, Minden Bluegrass Festival, Point in Time, and the Dominion Hotel. The Folk Society welcomes anyone who would like to volunteer particularly those who have an interest in promotion and marketing.

How they are celebrated

BM: Volunteering in the performing arts sector is fun, rewarding and motivating. Listening to music, meeting and engaging with talented local and visiting musicians, attending concerts for free, and socializing with other volunteers are the ways in which we celebrate. We also send several volunteers to the Folk Music Ontario Conference to "shop" for performers to bring to the Highlands. Recognition as the Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Non-profit Organization of the Year was also a big boost. Volunteering in the performing arts sector is also a big time commitment. In 2015 our volunteers dedicated 1,250 hours to bringing music to the community.

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Sixty-two men and women; established 45 years ago

The role volunteers play

Tracey Lear: Our volunteers fundraise for much needed items for our hospital. Items can be medical or non medical. If our auxiliary did not exist then the hospital would be purchasing those needed items from the budget and something else would have to give. We assist our hospital in giving the best service to the patients by providing up

to date equipment. Everyone benefits – the staff have the proper equipment to get the job done. Whether it's a steamer for food services, a sanitization system for long-term care to even an adjustable sink in the hair salon – the right tools for the job. Less than one per cent of dollars raised goes towards any type of administrative costs. Our hospital depends on volunteers and we certainly have a wonderful, committed, dedicated group of people who care about health care in our community.

How they are celebrated

TL: I try to thank all our volunteers whenever we have a fundraising event, board meetings, speaking engagements, conferences. ... We do, however, recognize years of service at our annual general meeting in June

Canadian Cancer Society - Peterborough office

1,400 volunteers in district; formed in 1938

The role volunteers play

Alison Payne: If we didn't have volunteers we would not have an organization. Volunteer drivers, peer support volunteers, administrative volunteers, event committees, event day volunteers, public issues volunteers and community leadership volunteers.

How they are celebrated

AP: As volunteers are the centre of our organization we celebrate volunteers in many different ways: Coffee clubs for drivers, workshops for our community service and administration volunteers, a yearly volunteer appreciation and awards night in the fall, years of service pins and volunteer awards at the local, provincial and national levels. Of course we always thank our volunteers on a regular basis as the work they do all year round is vital to our organization.

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SIRCH Community Services

Fifty-five volunteers; formed 27 years ago
The role volunteers play

Gena Robertson: Volunteer roles include breastfeeding mentors, grief group facilitators, speakers on grief and bereavement, Canoe FM bingo facilitators at SIRCH Central, board members, committee members, fundraisers, volunteers at both Thrift Warehouses – sorting, testing, repairing, cleaning, arranging, doing displays, etc. Our organization has depended on volunteers always – 26 years ago we had respite host families and volunteer “big buddies.” Along the way we’ve had volunteers who provided support at Women’s Emergency House 24/7, hospice volunteers, all sorts of mentors, volunteers who work with children, teens, adults, seniors. Our programs are enriched because of our volunteers and it has always been thus. Without them, we would continue to provide a service but there would be a lot less “heart.”

How they are celebrated

GR: We try to celebrate them in ways that won’t take funding from direct service. So program coordinators or chairs of committees or staff generally will often have a potluck or make something special to celebrate their efforts at the end of a group, event, pilot, etc. (so, for example, a debrief and thank you to the grief group facilitators when the groups are finished; a debrief and thank you to everyone who helped with Release of the Butterflies; a thank-you to the breastfeeding mentors when the pilot was done, etc). However, it’s great to have something for all volunteers. At our AGM we have an annual “Glen Flood Award” which is given to a SIRCH volunteer who volunteered in spite of personal circumstances that might have made it difficult (low income, illness, etc).

Minden Legion branch

About 25 volunteers, in operation for 29 years
The role volunteers play

Judy Flieger: Without our volunteers, we would not be able to operate. We only have two paid employees, and the remainder of operating our organization is done by volunteers. We serve lunches every weekday, and on Fridays have lunch and dinner consisting of fish and chips. We cater many extra events such as celebrations of life, meetings and weddings. Because of this, we are able to donate generously to our veterans and community.

How they are celebrated

JF: We have a special volunteer day. This consists of draw prizes for every volunteer, and a special meal supplied to them.

Haliburton Legion branch

Three paid staff, 400 members (many members are volunteers), formed in 1928
The role volunteers play

Paul Sisson: Volunteers on a continuous basis are hard to get, but those that volunteer all the time get burnt out. If we did not have them the Legion would cease to exist.

Minden Health Care Auxiliary

Fifty-five volunteers both men and women, 16 years in existence
The role volunteers play

Mickey Bonham: Members are recognized at our monthly meetings for the good work that they do, and, at our annual general meeting in September, members who have completed five years with us receive a volunteer pin. Our members find it very rewarding to raise funds for new equipment for the Minden emergency department and Hyland

Crest seniors’ home, and they also enjoy spending time with the residents of Hyland Crest. Without volunteers, the MHCA would not exist – we are a totally volunteer organization.

Haliburton and District Lions Club

Twenty-nine official members with another 15 to 20 friends/spouses helping out, formed in 1978
The role volunteers play

Jim Frost: We are a volunteer-driven organization and couldn’t function without them – the community would be much the lesser.

How they are celebrated

JF: We hold two dinners a year (separate from our monthly potlucks) where we have entertainment and don’t discuss business.

The Land Between

About 15 volunteers and 50 turtle monitors; operating since 2006, registered charity since 2012
The role volunteers play

Leora Berman: Provide us with context for decisions; provide us with on-the-ground experience and then advise for programs and priorities; provide outreach and communications (promote our goals and efforts); provide monitoring of species and spaces; develop maps, communication products; and provide review of these: organize events, workshops, and support for conferences.

If the partners and local volunteers were not there we would not move the yardstick so quickly in terms of conservation.

How they are celebrated

LB: We send out plaques and awards to the best Turtle Guardian; and announce them in media.

We celebrate volunteers at our annual general meetings – free dinner and gifts.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments

Nine volunteers on the board, another couple dozen who help on request; organization started in 2012
The role volunteers play

Carol Simmons: Board members are all volunteer. I’m president, have a secretary, a treasurer, a property manager. Then we have people that help with our fundraisers – selling tickets, promotion, cooking, serving, gather auction items, organize our music entertainment.

How they are celebrated

CS: We send thank yous to all after each event. We did have a free turkey dinner at the end of January 2016, and we had free corn roast last September.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

About 70 volunteers; in operation since 1992
The role volunteers play

Bob Cole: Our only paid position is our administrator that works 12 hours per week. All other activities including the hatchery as the fish must be fed three times daily and community services would cease to exist.

How they are celebrated

BC: Barbecue in the summer and a Christmas party.

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Minden Royal Legion, Branch 636

I would personally like to acknowledge and thank all of our present volunteers.

At the present time, we are recruiting volunteers mainly for serving in the dining room. You do not have to be a member to volunteer.

We only have two paid employees in our branch, the remainder of running this organization is done by volunteers. As you know we donate very generously to our Veterans and our Community, and could not do so without the help of volunteers.

Judy Flieger, President Branch 636.

Thank you!

THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to the dozens of volunteers who make such a difference to SIRCH and this community!!

SIRCH
community services

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Wilberforce Legion

Membership of 240, executive of 14; branch held its charter for about 45 years. (Ladies auxiliary made up of 36 members.)

The role of volunteers

Jan Simon: There are many active volunteers at the branch level who run meat draws, raffles, special dances and events, Legion dinners run twice monthly. Without the Ladies Auxiliary the branch could not continue to operate. It is the monies given so generously by the ladies that help cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the branch. The Ladies Auxiliary is the catering base of the Legion and holds Community Care lunches twice a month, a breakfast once a month and all the special events that are booked because of the care with which they deal with each event.

How volunteers are celebrated

The branch executive holds an appreciation dinner each year in April or early May to honour the ladies for their continued support of the branch. The Legion executive cooks and serves dinner to the ladies and their spouses.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

More than 500 volunteers including volunteers, service providers, board of directors and committee members, auxiliary members putting in tens of thousands of hours a year; HHHS founded in 1936.

The role volunteers play

Carolyn Plummer: We could not survive, nor could we provide exemplary care to our patients, residents, and clients without our volunteers and all of their contributions. We actually have twice as many volunteers as we do staff! We are extraordinarily lucky to have so many people in our community with such generous spirits. Our volunteers play a wide variety of critical roles within our organization and the community. Here are a few examples of the wonderful work they do:

Work with our Community Support Services division to

provide services that help support people to stay in their homes (some examples include transportation, Meals on Wheels, friendly visiting, home help, and hospice).

Help support our residents living in our long-term care homes (examples include participating in and assisting with special events for our residents, visiting/spending time with residents, and helping with activities and programs for residents).

Assist the patients in our acute care hospital by visiting, delivering reading material and treats, and providing activities.

Provide governance for our organization by serving on the board of directors and its various committees.

Raise funds to help us purchase much-needed medical and non-medical equipment to help us provide the best possible care for our patients, residents, and clients; they do this through: Operating our two auxiliaries (Minden and Haliburton), which includes running gift shops, selling raffle tickets, collecting donations in the community on tag day and at other community events, organizing auxiliary fundraising events and sales, and many other activities; Supporting the HHHS Foundation by attending and participating on the HHHS Foundation Board of Directors and its committees, providing office support to help the Foundation staff, stuffing envelopes for all the Foundation mail-outs, providing assistance with major Foundation fundraising events, and helping support Foundation fundraising programs.

How volunteers are celebrated

CP: We hold several volunteer appreciation events throughout the year, and in fact we held one Sunday, in the auditorium at our Minden site. In addition to these special events, we do find ways to recognize and express our appreciation on a day-to-day basis for all the wonderful contributions our volunteers make.

Canoe FM

About 110 volunteers; in operation since 2003

The role of volunteers

Roxanne Casey: We all know that volunteers build strong communities and here in Haliburton County never a truer word was spoken. This radio station would not be able to provide the incredible service it does for our community without volunteers. Volunteers do repairs, painting, fundraising, gardening, recording, stamping and delivering bingo sheets, marketing, broadcasting, accounting, they answer phones, help reunite people with lost pets, keep people apprised of emergency situations, speak about events and play an eclectic mix of great music. The role that volunteers play here at Canoe FM is vital. Without volunteers there wouldn't be a community radio station where your friends and neighbours are able to have access to the airwaves and make you smile.

How they are celebrated

We cannot survive without volunteers so we try and appreciate volunteers each and every day with smiles and thank yous. We don't have a lot of money to spend on events to thank our volunteers with but we do try and host a number of volunteer appreciation lunches throughout the year, here at the station. At Canoe volunteers often are working by themselves so these luncheons enable everyone to meet, mingle, laugh and compare volunteer stories while enjoying lunch.

We also ensure that volunteer names are sent in to receive the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards each year which are presented by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. This is a wonderful recognition program.



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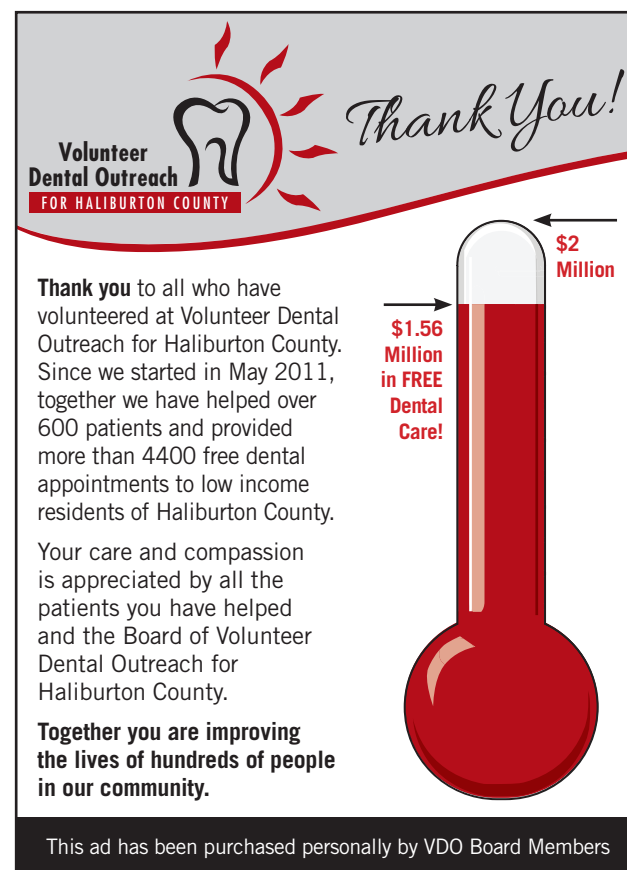


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Recognizing HHHS volunteers

Kadi Bone, left, Lynda Newton and Bonnie Beaudoin are three volunteers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services who enjoyed the organization's spring-themed volunteer appreciation event on Saturday, April 9 at the Minden HHHS facility. The afternoon included music by Stan Russell and Tom Regina and catering by Carnarvon's Rhubarb restaurant. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Dinner and auction supports Kinmount beautification

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Since 1997, VIA Rail Canada has offered a travel package for two from Toronto to Quebec City and back again for the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development's annual dinner and auction.

And that's true again this year, at what will be the 22nd annual event.

"That's pretty significant," says organizer Diane Austin.

This year's dinner and auction will take place at the Galway Hall on Saturday, April 30. Tickets are \$25, which includes a roast beef dinner. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to the grub and a raffle table, there will be live and silent auctions on a multitude of items.

"We have theatre tickets for neighbouring communities," Austin said, rhyming off a number of venues including those in the 1,000 Islands, Port Hope and the Blue Waters Summer Playhouse in Kincardine. "We have accommodations in Stratford and St. Jacobs."

There are also Riverdance tickets and a family package for the national art gallery in Ottawa.

Among the larger prizes are plenty of locally crafted items.

"It funds all of the town's projects and enhancements," Austin says.

For tickets, call Austin at 705-488-2635.





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Smith draft pick for Flint Firebirds

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it's a possible reality.

"This year I started realizing it actually might happen," he said.

Smith finished his past season playing for the Lindsay Muskies of the Ontario Junior Hockey League, when he was called up from the AAA Central Ontario Wolves minor midget team for the last three regular season games.

The Smiths were all together in the living room of their Minden home when Owen's name appeared with the Firebirds on an Internet draft posting.

Tammy, his mother, said they started watching the draft at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The first three rounds are televised and then there's a list on the Internet, indicating the rounds and which team is picking which player. Tammy said waiting for Owen's name to appear during draft day on April 9 was very stressful. In the end there were 302 players chosen from Ontario teams and teams in the U.S., from more than 1,000 eligible players.

"It was about 4 p.m. when his name showed and I think we were dumbfounded almost like were we really seeing it, is it real?" said Tammy. "Such emotion. We were in the living room and honestly we didn't know that Flint was looking at him so that was a surprise and I said, 'Are we ready to travel to Michigan?' and the hugs and high fives started very loudly in the living room."

Tammy added they hope the best for Owen and understand this could mean a big move for him, but also an opportunity for post-secondary education.

There are still details that she and Owen's dad Craig just don't know yet.

The Smiths said they were among the few that didn't acquire the services of an agent.

Cliff Long, an OHL scout who lives in the area who also noticed fellow Highlands player Mat Wilbee, had been helping out the family as an unofficial advisor. He told them if Smith is good enough, teams will find him. The family is appreciative to him for saving them money and giving them assistance through this process, particularly his advice for

Smith to play tougher – winning battles in the corners and on the boards – midway through the season.

Tammy contends her son, with a Dec. 25, 2000, birthday, is the youngest taken in the draft with Francesco Reda, with the same birthday, who was chosen by the Sudbury Wolves in the 15th round.

Hockey has been a huge part of the Smiths' life, spend-

“

I'm just taking it step by step right now.

— FLINT FIREBIRDS DRAFT PICK OWEN SMITH

”

ing countless hours at the arena and on the road. Tammy and Craig are happy for their son, as his hard work and their dedication to his passion has enabled this great opportunity.

"Wow, it means so much. It's such an honour for him and all of his hard work and really our entire lives have rotated around hockey ... it is such a thrill for him to get drafted," she said.

She estimates there's been tens of thousands of miles driven between her and her husband over the years to this point. "It's funny about the miles on the car because every time I take my car in for service they can't believe its only one-and-a-half years old," she said.

Smith didn't forget to thank those who have helped him.

He is appreciative of his parents, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association, where he started and played his formative years of hockey, the Central Ontario Wolves, most recently the AAA minor midget team, and all of his hockey coaches. He spent four years with the Wolves and seven with the Storm. While a Bantam player with the Storm, he won a provincial championship.

The hard working disciplined player knows getting picked is only a beginning to a goal he was reluctant to share.

"Most of the hard work will start now. I've been working hard, but I got to start working harder now that the opportunity has come," he said.

Smith is currently training with personal fitness trainer Lorie Kah, who has worked with Haliburton's Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche.

Although he has visited Michigan, Smith has never been to Flint. In his research since getting picked, he's learned it's a big sports town and is not of an intimidating size, which suits him. The prospect of attending high school there while playing hockey hasn't even registered since he is focused on the first step of making the team.

"I'm just taking it step by step right now," he said.

From having played against half of the players that he will be competing with at training camp for a roster spot, he said, there is already a level of comfort. Also, he won't be the only Central Ontario Wolves player there since the Firebirds also drafted two of his AAA minor midget teammates and good friends, Ty Dellandrea and Braydon Leeking, a linemate during the season.

Dellandrea was chosen as their first pick, fifth overall, while Leeking was chosen in the sixth round, 104th overall. Two other players from his team were also drafted to the OHL.

Smith was happy for his friends, but understands the mindset he needs to adopt to keep his focus on his goal.

"[My mentality is] go against everyone because I have to beat those guys out, so my friends off the ice, but not on the ice," he said.



Minden's Owen Smith, 15, was recently drafted by the Flint Firebirds. /Peter Fish

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Rocking out

The Minden Curling Club Evening Leagues finished up their second half of the season with playoffs and awarding of league prizes. Congratulations to all winners!

At the close of each awards ceremony, vice-president of evening leagues Wes Lytle thanked bar staff Donna-lee McKnight, ice maker Bob Peacock and his helpers, the individual convenors for each evening league

Minden Curling Club offers an entertaining and enjoyable winter opportunity for social and competitive play. We're always looking for new players! We offer many ways to learn the sport through practice days and training sessions, supported by comraderie from experienced players. Please consider making curling your way to enjoy winter! Photos submitted



First in League Play, winners of the Harper Power Sports Trophy and a gift certificate from Carey's Garden Centre: Mel Vigrass, Heather Routledge, Karen Lytle, Janice Chambers



First in Playoff competition, winners of the County Sign and Display Trophy and gift certificate from Carey's Garden Centre: Mary Copeland, Jane Boyd, Allison Mallette, Robin McKnight




Second in Playoff competition, winners of wine prizes donated by Convenor Kim Burk: from left Penny Manol, Bernice Murray, Traci Benson, Eleanor Reed



First in League Play, winners of the Cottage Country Building Supplies Trophy and meat prizes from Easton's Valu-Mart: from left Iain Kay, Murray Cooper, Absent: Ross Petch, Dave Tranter



First in A division, winners of the Garbutt Trophy and meat prizes from Easton's Valu-Mart: from left Iain Kay for Heinz Huck, Rick Wood, Mike Clewlow, Murray Cooper for Doug Hall



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 4th, 2016
The Royal Canadian Legion
~ Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 ~
Minden

Annual General Meeting and Election of officers and executive will be held at the branch on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m.

All Legion members are encouraged to attend. Membership cards will be required in order to vote.

The nomination board will be on display at the branch from April 6th.



First in B division, winners of meat prizes from Easton's Valu-Mart: from left Paul Heffer, Ron Reid, Bert Kennedy, Dave Millington



First in C Division, winners of trinkets donated by Convenor Dwight Thomas: from left Larry Ferguson, Doug Brown, Len Goreski, Steve Robson



50's & 60's Sock Hop

Saturday May 7th

Doors Open at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Hosted by Canoe FM with DJ Ron Murphy
Location: Haliburton Legion Branch 129

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Wine, words, music and art this weekend

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The lineup is set and it's going to be a wonderful evening! The 12th Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art celebrating the arts in Dorset takes place this Friday, April 15. On the program are artists: painter Brenda Turnour, clay artist Tara Gilchrist, needlework by Anje Hilkers, painter Lynne Hollingsworth, stone carver Elise Muller, painter Elizabeth Johnson and fibre artist Caroline Misener. Writers include Anje Hilkers, Andrea Percy, Irene Davidson Fisher, blogger Elizabeth Johnson and Margot Roberts. The music promises to be fabulous with singer, songwriter and recording artist in jazz and blues, Zoe Chilco accompanied by saxophonist extraordinaire, John Deehan. Also on the program are Dorset's own jazz garage band, The Jazz Dogs featuring Chris Sankey, Brian Paul and Jeff Petrenchik.

Art, books and CD's will be available for purchase. The art, book & CD walkabout starts at 6:30 p.m. with readings and music starting at 7 p.m. There will be an intermission with light refreshments, wine tasting and a cash bar. Tickets are very reasonably priced at \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available from the Recreation Centre and at the door. This event is limited to those 19 years of age and over. Please email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Tai Chi Class for mind, body, spirit, health and wellness takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (advanced class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Learn to relax and energize with Tai Chi, Chi Kung and Meditation lead by Valerie Houston Peel of Temple Knights Holistic Martial Arts. Beginners are always welcome at any time and pre-registration is preferred. For more information, please contact Valerie at info@templeknights.com or 705-767-1177.

Here is something fun and new! Join in for "LOONIE MONDAYS!" drop in at the Dorset Rec Centre between 7 and 8:30 p.m. to play in the gym! Basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickle ball or floor hockey – whoever gets there 1st gets to pick! The cost is \$1 per person or free to members and all ages are welcome. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca or email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Ahoy Mateys! My husband Joe and I are participating in the upcoming Muskoka Concert Band concert, "Pirates of the North", on Sunday, May 1 at the Active Living Centre in Huntsville at 2 p.m. Joe will be playing in the band and Fluffy Feet Face Painting will be providing free pirate themed face painting for kids of all ages. This is a great activity for the whole family and promises to be loads of fun! The concert will also happen on May 8 in Gravenhurst but shiver me timbers Joe and I have to miss that one.... Release your inner pirate and join the Muskoka Concert Band and friends for "Pirates of the North"! Follow Captain Barlow and his rowdy buccaneers on their proud man-o'-war "Royal Fortune", sail the seven seas, acquire pieces-of-eight through unsavoury means, bury treasure and return home to celebrate their success. This adventure is presented in a bistro setting through music, song, dance and skits. It's good clean fun for the whole family, with pirate activities and loot bags for the kids. And please, go ahead, dress like a pirate for this concert. We know you want to! Check out <http://www.muskokaconcertband.ca/> for more information.

Birthday wishes for April 10 to 16 go out to Bev Robinson, Robbie Drebbitt and Caitlin Perry. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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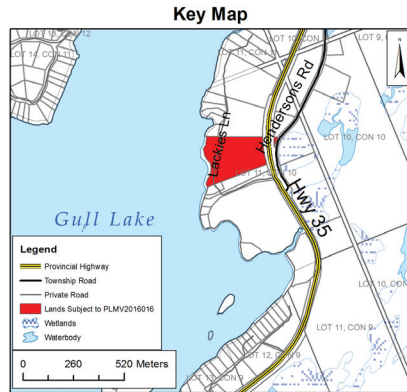
DATE: Monday, April 25, 2016
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016016**, **PLMV2016020**, **PLMV2016022** and **PLMV2016023**. The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016016 - Part of Lot 11, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1079 & 1105 Lackie's Lane; and, located on Gull Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction, and enlargement, of an existing non-compliant dwelling, which is located 17.5 m. (57.4') from the High Water Mark, together with the construction of an attached deck and sunroom.

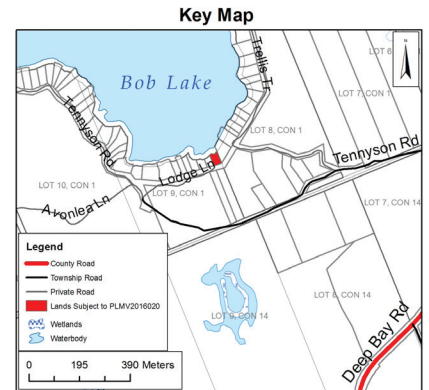
The application seeks to permit a 127% (74.4 m² [801 sq.ft.]) increase in size and a 3.91 m. (12.8') increase in height to allow for a 133 m² (1,433 sq.ft.), 9.1 m. (29.8') high dwelling together with the construction of a new deck and sunroom. The proposed dwelling and deck would not project closer to the high water, but is proposed to occupy a greater width along the shoreline at the existing setback.



PLMV2016020 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1069 Lodge Lane; and located on Big Bob Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the relocation, reconstruction, and enlargement, of an existing non-compliant dwelling, which is located 19.2 m. (63') from the High Water Mark, together with a relocated and reconstructed deck which is located 16.8 m. (55') from the High Water Mark.

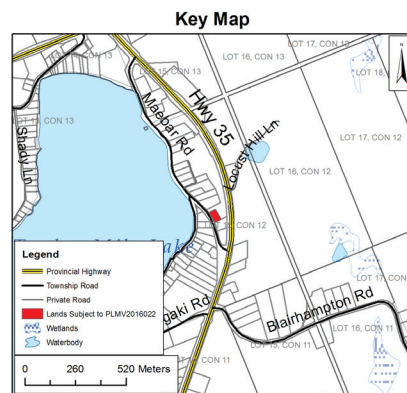
The application seeks to permit a 73% (70.5 m² [754 sq.ft.]) increase in size and a 2.4 m. (7.7') increase in height to allow for a 165.2 m² (1,778 sq.ft.), 6.1 m. (12.3') high dwelling. The proposed dwelling would rectify an existing side yard encroachment along the east lot line, and would not project closer to the High Water Mark, however, the relocated deck would be 16.15 m. (53') from the High Water Mark, which is 0.61 m. (2') closer to the High Water Mark.



PLMV2016022 - Part of Lot 15, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden; and located on Maebar Road.

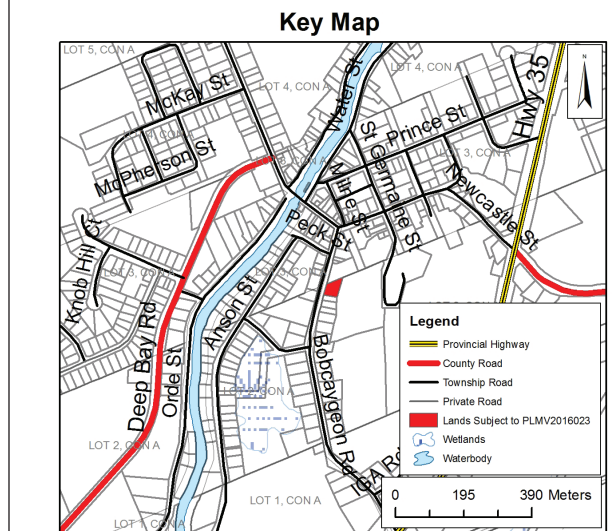
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new garage and dwelling on a vacant lot within the required front and rear lot line setbacks, and to permit a garage to be constructed to the front of the principle dwelling.

The application seeks to permit a 4.5 m. (14'9") setback from the rear lot line, and a 7.5 m. (24'7") setback from the front lot line, whereas 12 m. (39'4") and 15 m. (49'3"), respectively, would otherwise be required. An accessory building would not otherwise be permitted closer to the street line than the principle dwelling within a residential zone.



PLMV2016023 - Part of Lot 2, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 82 Bobcaygeon Road.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a garage as an accessory structure to the existing, legal non-conforming, use on the property.



HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications are welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendenig@mindenhill.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

MORE INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhill.ca.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2016

Ian Clendenig, MPI.
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands. Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 16, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Where: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd, Carnarvon, at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.

Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult

Leader: Pauline Plooard

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For more information or to register contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, 705-457-3700, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH- Ham Dinner

When: Saturday April 16th, One sitting at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Maple Lake United Church - corner of Hwy. 118 and Airport Road

The cost is \$15.00 and children under 12 - \$8.00.

Reservations are recommended by calling Beverly at 705-286-2130 or Pat at 754-2980.

Gift certificates and take-outs will be available for this event

Maplefest: All you can eat pancake/sausage brunch and bake sale

When: Sat. April 16th, 9am - 1 pm

Where: Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin road off Gelert Road (County Rd. 1)

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Ramble and Lunch with Kevin Callan

When: Sunday April 17

Where: HCRT (the rail trail) 11:00am and Camp Wanakita 12:15

sponsored by: Friends of the Rail Trail, TAG, and Algonquin Outfitters

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Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists

When: Tuesday April 19, 7:00 pm

Where: Haliburton Museum

Guest speaker: Krystyn Richardson, Biologist, Bird Studies Canada

Topic: Chimney Swifts and Bank & Barn Swallows Research

All welcome. Non-members - \$5.00

For more information see www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Camera Club Meeting

When: Wednesday April 20th

Where: Haliburton Museum

Guest Speaker Rob Simpson will be presenting, "The Highs & Lows of Travel Photography"

The camera club is open to anyone interested in photography, visitors are always welcome at no charge at our monthly meetings, which alternate between Minden and Haliburton. Membership, for those who want to join the club, is only \$40/year with special rates for families and Fleming College students and Haliburton High School students can join for free! Details can be found on our website at www.highlandscameraclub.ca.

Volunteers make it happen

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

705-488-2938 brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Here at the old farmhouse it's Monday morning and due to the weather our trip to Lindsay has been put on hold. In the April issue of the *Kinmount Gazette* editor Guy Scott refers to the 100 Days of Winter rule. Apparently under this guideline when the snow first stays on the ground there will follow 100 days before it finally disappears. In 2015 the start date was December 28 which means supposedly no more snow after April 9. Never mind, this coming weekend looks promising. Today is the start of National Volunteer Week. Reading through the *Gazette* serves to remind of the significant role volunteers play in our rural communities. Without their gifts of time and talent so many programs and events would not be possible. I grew up in household where volunteering was the norm. Today young people must complete a 40 hour block of volunteer hours before graduating from Grade 12. Hopefully this experience will be meaningful and encourage them to continue to give of themselves. Reading through the events listed below a note of appreciation goes out to those volunteers who make things happen.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development sponsors several events through the year. It's major fundraiser the annual Dinner Auction will be coming up soon on Saturday, April 30 at the fully accessible Galway Hall. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. giving ample opportunity to view the many wonderful items donated to the live, silent and country Auctions. To highlight but a few there are tickets for a Via return experience from Toronto to Quebec City, tickets to the Stratford and Shaw Festivals along with many other accommodation packages and theatre tickets across the province. The silent auction offers a wide variety of items to bid on many with a local flavour. Tickets are \$25/person and can be ordered by calling Diane at 705-488-2635 but don't delay as this is a very popular evening.

The Friends of the Library monthly book sale will be held this Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower

level of the Kinmount Branch. All books are a bargain at 50 cents each. The Friends would welcome new members interested in helping with the book sales which support programs at this very active branch and if you would like to assist please give Mary Ann a call at 705-488-3199.

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount the Ladies Auxiliary will be serving a Pancake Breakfast Brunch this Sunday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a \$5 cost. The popular monthly Liver and Onions lunch returns on Tuesday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost of \$8 includes choice of L&O or alternate hot entree, dessert and beverage. For more information about the programs at the Legion call 705-488-3462 or check out its Facebook page.

Here is another volunteer opportunity to consider. The Kinmount Pioneer Society is looking for a Project Leader for this year's exhibit at the Kinmount Fair. This interactive exhibit features artifacts and demonstrations of life in the pioneer community and is well-received by the many visitors to the Fair. If interested in this important role or assisting with the exhibit email info@kinmountfair.net.

Mark your calendars now for the return of the Kinmount Highland Games on Saturday, July 9 at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. In addition to the traditional competitions in highland dance and heavy events enjoy the pipes and drums and other entertainment along with agricultural displays and vendors. Community groups are welcome to participate with vendors and food trucks invited to register as well. For more information please go to www.kinmounthighlandgames.com, email kinmount_highland_games@outlook.com or call Jane at 705-731-7283.

Volunteers are invited to help with spring cleanup around Kinmount on "Pitch-In Day Saturday, April 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet at the Railway Station for your assignment and supplies.

In closing a special Happy Birthday to Kinmount which will turn 157 years old on April 17. The date marks the opening of Kinmount's first post office. The famous Highlands Cinemas will open for the 2016 season on Friday, April 29 attracting visitors from all around so see you at the movies. In the meantime keep busy and well. They go together...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

April 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: Posting the high scores were Ross Davies 5,740, Bruce Armstrong 5,470, Peter Gardiner 4,670 and Linda Cherry 4,490 with Nel Van der Griet awarded the Lucky Loonie.

April 5 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Patrick Walshe topped the charts at 3,920 then Dave Heaven 3,670 and Marilyn Burrows 3,400. There was one Small Slam over the morning by Pattie Walshe partnered with our reporter Nancy Ballantyne.

April 5 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: At 387 Bev Alexander going solo led the scoring with Sandy Poulton and Bev Kerr second at 342. In third spot at 332 was the duo of Ray Lymer and Marg Oetelaar while Eleanor Lymer partnered with Merv Elstone posted the afternoon's low of 70. Thanks to our reporter Pearl Cowen for this news.

April 5 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports that for the ladies Pat Roussel led at 402 then Shirley Milne 292 and Jean Scaddden 252. Tied for first for the gents at 292 were Al McMullen and Garth Windsor with Pat Norman next at 262. Pat also won the major draw with Shirley Milne, Georgina Parkes and Jesse Barlow claiming the smaller prizes while moonshots struck Al McMullen along with Marcel and Pat Roussel.

April 5 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Most lone hand honours went to Harold Harvie with Donna Darby high lady and Betty Hicks low. For the gents Terry Davis took top marks with Ed McDowell low man and Irene McDowell winning the special prize.

April 6 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell our bridge reporter Margo Davidson partnered with Peter O'Connor led at 69 percent followed by Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies 60 percent, Liv Andersen and Rod Smyth 58 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 51 percent.

April 7 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Loretta Lamb 260, Pat Marshall 243, Pat Roussel

232 and Marg Oetelaar 197. First for the gents at 266 was Tom Grix followed by Doug McIntosh 221, Marcel Roussel 217 and David Lamb 206. The hidden score was held jointly by Kevin Maloney and Pat Scadden, the card draw went to Shirley Milne and call 1 to Pat Marshall. Bev Johnson further reports that Anne Manning, Al McMullen, Kevin Maloney, Betty Wagar and Sharon Jarvis took the moonshots.

April 7 euchre at Minden Legion: From Tom Grix comes the news that Bev Alexander and Tom Orr held the most lone hands with Pearl Cowen and Kaye Bull posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Tom Bagshaw while Tom Orr, Muriel McIntosh, Neil Darby and Theresa Deak took home the other prizes.

April 8 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell in first place were Tom and Margo Davidson 63 percent then Peter O'Conner partnered with Rod Smyth 58 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 57 percent.

April 8 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Arthur Forbes, for lone hands Doreen Francis, for low Pat Bailey and for the special prize Judy Reddy. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

April 11 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hand holders were Betty Sharpe and James Bastedo with Margaret Fletcher and Tom Macartney recording the high scores. The afternoon's low went to our reporter Tim Sharpe while Maxine Snell took home the special prize.

April 11 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Leading the scoring at 275 was our reporter Rose Isaacson then Rae Dawn Shephard 273 and Sam Gaudet 264. Winning the draw was Dana Briscoe while moonshots landed on Vic Ballik and Rose.

April 11 euchre at Staunworth terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that winning for high hands was Lil Mann, for lone hands Howard Smith, for low hands James Bastedo and for the special prize Maria Tschida.

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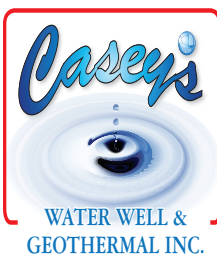


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LOCATION:

Part A
COUNTY ROAD No.503
Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway
Commencing at the intersection of County Rd 507 & terminating 200m East of the West intersection of McDuff Rd

Part B
COUNTY ROAD No.648
Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway
Commencing in Harcourt (@ #3923) & proceeding easterly and terminating 200m East of the intersection of Mumford Road.

Part C
Parking Area for the Municipality of Highlands East
Paving of a parking area behind the Wilberforce Fire Hall and Municipal Office at 2249 Loop Rd.

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

Part A and B

- The pulverization of the existing road surface, re-shaping/grading and compaction of the road way cross-section,
- The placement of 100mm of quarried Granite Granular 'A' to the shoulders and granular entrances, compacted and shaped to desired cross-fall,
- The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section, and
- Approximate Quantities: HL4 Surface Course 11,473 tonnes
Granular 'A' Shoulders/Entrances 7,967 tonnes
In-Place Processing 101,117 sq. m
Cold Milling (50mm curb areas) 1,500 sq. m

- Final grade and compaction (No granular required)
- Saw cutting and joint prep as required
- Supply, haul and place 50 mm of HL4 County spec asphalt
- Approximate Quantities: HL4 Surface Course 1,400 sq. m

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Until: 1:00 p.m. Local Time on April 28, 2016
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420 TENDERS



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT No. 2016-2-a

REPAIRS TO GAMBREL SALT/SAND STORAGE SHEDS INGOLDSBY AND HIGHLAND GROVE PATROL YARDS THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Repairs to Gambrel Salt/Sand Storage Shed at the County of Haliburton Highland Grove Public Works Yard as per 3.3.1 of the General Notes on Document 14-768-HG1
- Repairs to Gambrel Salt/Sand Storage Shed at the County of Haliburton Ingoldsby Public Works Yard as per 3.3.1 of the General Notes on Document 14-768-IN1
- Provisional Repairs to Gambrel Salt/Sand Storage Shed at the County of Haliburton Highland Grove Public Works Yard as per 3.3.2 of the General Notes on Document 14-768-HG1
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- Report From the President
- Update on the 2016 season
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March 2, 1925 – April 9, 2016

It is with profound sadness that her family announces that on April 9, 2016, in her 92nd year, Joyce was welcomed into Heaven to join her loving husband Jack. Joyce passed away in Hyland Crest L.T.C. where the hands of many caring angels tended to her in her final days. She had fought a long and quiet battle with the inevitable realities of aging.

Joyce is the mother of Ernest of Minden, Wendy (Bill) Cahill of Barrie, Beverley (Pat) Molloy of Zephyr

Donald "Barry" (Monica) of Little Brittan. She is the grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 3. Joyce was the youngest daughter and second youngest of nine children born to Mary (Abraham) and JB Lake of Powassan. She is survived by Jim Lake of St. Catharines and predeceased by Frank, Mary (Sprague), Eileen (Beley), Dorothy (Asbury), Joe, George and Anne (Driscoll).

Friends are invited to a Service to Celebrate Joyce's Life at the St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the church hall. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to Hyland Crest Residents Council, St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount or to Kinmount & District Health Centre would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Timbers, Fern Kathleen (nee Campbell)

Fern passed away on March 26, 2016 peacefully in her 86th year at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

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and daughter Suzie (Rob DeVries).

Beloved grandmother of Ryan, Colleen, Corinne, Gordon, James,
Jacqueline, Libby, Kayla, Devan and Rheagan.

Will be sadly missed by all including many great-grandchildren.
Loved by her sisters Joyce and Innis along with many nieces, nephews,
neighbors and friends.

A proud Markham girl, Fern worked, played and raised her family
there until together with Morley retired to Haliburton in 1988.
She spent her last years in Newmarket. A busy volunteer who enjoyed
the people around her, she will be remembered.

Cremation has taken place. A service to celebrate Fern's life will take
place at St Peters Anglican Church at 1273 St Peters Rd Maple Lake at
2 p.m. On Saturday April 30, 2016 Memorial donations can be made
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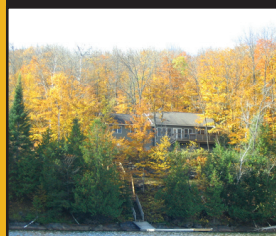
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